

REMARKS

Upon review of the application as filed, the Applicants determined that an error in photocopying copies of the drawing sheets resulted in the figure labels being omitted. Accordingly, Applicants hereby submit substitution sheets by way of a Preliminary Amendment to provide correctly labeled drawings.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and allowance of the pending claims. In the event the Examiner finds any impediment to the prompt allowance of this application which could be clarified by a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Dated this 25th day of January, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,



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